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1. DR. RUTH MORGENTHAU, ACCOMPANIED BY DCM AND USAID OFF, MET MARCH 28 WITH THE MALI MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ASSIM DIAWARE, TO DISCUSS THE CONCEPT OF FOOD CORPS. DIAWARE INDICATED THAT HE HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED ABOUT IT BY HIS PREDECESSOR, SORY COULIBALY, AND OTHERS. DIAWARE SAID HE WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THE CONCEPT AND WANTS TO SEE IT DEEPENED. HE EXPRESSED SATISFAC-

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TION THAT FOOD CORPS WAS INSCRIBED ON THE AGENDA OF THE MAY CILSS MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BAMAKO. DR MORGENTHAU NOTED THAT SHE WAS AMENABLE TO AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE MINISTERIAL TO EXPLAIN FOOD CORPS AFTER DIAWARE SAID HE WAS ALWAYS HAPPY TO WELCOME HER TO MALI.

2. DR MORGENTHAU ALSO MET MARCH 28 WITH DR. OUSMANE SILLA OF THE INSTITUT DU SAHEL OF BAMAKO. DR SILLA RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT FOOD CROPS RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, BACK-UP, AND ORGANIZATION. HE CAUTIONED AGAINST PROCEEDING WITHOUT PROPER PLANNING. HE SAID THAT THE INSTITUT DU SAHEL COULD OFFER ITS SERVICES IN PREPARING INITIAL PLANNING DOCUMENTS, IN TRAINING VOLUNTEERS, AND IN THE PROCESS OF CONTINUOUS EVALUATION OF THE WORK DONE BY THE VOLUNTEERS. DR SILLA CONFIRMED THAT ADRIEN SENGHOR WOULD REMAIN THE COORDINATING MINISTER FOR THE CILSS AND THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESIDE OVER ITS SESSIONS, WHILE THE NEW SENEGALESE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD ALSO ATTEND AND CAST THE SENEGALESE VOTE.

3. DR MORGENTHAU ALSO HELD USEFUL CONVERSATIONS MARCH 28 ON FOOD CORPS WITH SORY COULIBALY, FORMER MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT; ZANO DAO, DIRECTEUR DU CABINET OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING; AND ROBERT FANFANT, FAO REP. IN MALI. DR MORGENTHAU REPORTED THAT IN THEIR PRIVATE MEETING COULIBALY HAVE COUNSEL ON HOW FOOD CORPS SHOULD BE RECRUITED, ORGANIZED, AND INSPECTED ON FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL MATTERS. HE SUGGESTED THAT IN EACH STATE THE RESPECTIVE INSTITUTE OF RURAL ECONOMY BE INVOLVED IN TRAINING
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VOLUNTEERS. COULIBALY HAS FINE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGULAR CONSULTATION IN THE FORMATIVE STAGES OF FOOD CORPS.

4. RESULTS OF MARCH 27 MEETING WITH PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS SEPTEL.

5. PRECEDING PREPARED AT POST AFTER DR MORGENTHAU'S DEPARTURE MARCH 29.
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